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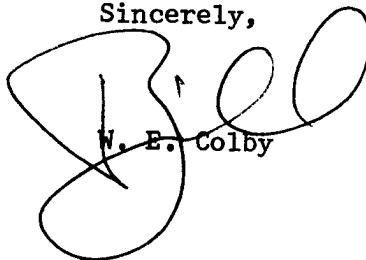
Dear Admiral Turner:

Thank you so very much for your exceptionally kind thought in inviting me to your swearing-in. I am indeed honored to be included in your thoughts on such a day.

As I am sure your efficient staff has already told you, I am afraid that I ~~can't~~ <sup>could not</sup> be there due to a longstanding prior engagement out of town that same day. I really am sorry, but I do not feel that I can disappoint the people who made the engagement with me, and I consequently must miss this fine occasion of yours.

Please let me wish you all the best for a most successful and extended tour as DCI. The job is in extremely good hands.

Sincerely,

  
W. E. Colby

O/C 15 Feb

And excuse the typing delay -  
Life away from the  
bureaucracy is sometimes  
slower! — 